

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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Department: History

Action: Revise major in History with a Foreign Language _____

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term _____ 08F _____

(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ BA _____

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____ BA _____

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____ Not applicable _____

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: History/Classics, French, German, Russian, Spanish BA

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____ N/A _____

(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____ N/A _____

(**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____ N/A _____

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____ N/A _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

Students in the History/Foreign Language major will be required to take HIST 268. This is a seminar required of ALL other history majors, and is regarded as one of the most important courses majors take in the department. The course is a seminar limited to majors only, and is designed to introduce students to the practices of historians: the methods and sources they use, how they interpret evidence and build an argument, how they document their sources, and how they write. Though each instructor who teaches HIST 268 (there are usually six or seven sections in any given semester) chooses a different theme for the course, all instructors use their chosen theme to emphasize the practices outlined above, and invariably require students to produce a research paper based on these practices.

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

The change relates to goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and maybe 9 or 10, depending on the topic of HIST 268.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

The degree is jointly offered by the departments of History and Foreign Languages. The Dept of Foreign Languages unanimously approved the change in both its Undergraduate and Executive Committees, as stated in the attached e-mail from Annette Giesecke, USC chair in FLL.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

History/Foreign Language majors are currently the ONLY history majors who do not have to take HIST 268. They miss out on one of the most important courses taught in the Department of History, and evidence suggests that this places them at a distinct disadvantage when they take their senior (400-level) seminar in their senior year, since for all other majors HIST 268 is a prerequisite for the capstone HIST 4xx seminar. We propose the simple addition of HIST 268 to the History/Foreign Language curriculum to address this problem.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

**HISTORY/FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAJOR (French, German, Spanish, Russian, or Classics):
Revised curriculum (changes in bold)**

Major Requirements within the History Department (**27** [not 24] **credits**)

1. HIST 101 Western Civilization to 1648
2. HIST 102 Western Civilization: 1648 to the Present
3. **HIST 268 seminar** [not previously a requirement]
4. Five 300-level courses, at least two of which must deal with countries that use the chosen foreign language

5. History seminar at the 400-level or above (excluding HIST491 and 493 and Independent Study)

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson _____ Date _____

Dean of College _____ Date _____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____

Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____

Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Planning _____ Date _____

Provost _____ Date _____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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